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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 4 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-05-13

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 4 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in that portion of the Western Subdistrict of the Central District south of the latitude of Redoubt Point from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Mondays; from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays each week until further notice, effective beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013.

The Crescent River sonar counter is not in operation for the 2013 season. However, sockeye salmon harvest rates in the set gillnet fishery from the beaches near the Crescent River area are above average. Based on the fact that in 11 of the past 13 years, the sockeye salmon escapement goal at Crescent River has been exceeded, and considering that harvest rates thus far in 2013 are above average, additional fishing time in that area that targets sockeye salmon bound for Crescent River is warranted.